STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS23767

The purpose of this bill is to be in alignment with the spirit and intent of the Justice Reinvestment Act. As written, 20-229 requires the Commission of Pardons and Parole to cause an offender to be incarcerated for up to 90 days for a first major technical violation and up to 180 days for a second major violation of parole. If left as it is currently written, an offender would have to wait for a scheduled session of the Commission in order for this sanction to be imposed. This is contradictory to the intent of Justice Reinvestment practices of "swift and certain" sanctions for violations. This change will allow the Commission to delegate this statutory duty to a Hearing Officer in order to minimize the time in custody waiting for disposition, versus the longer process of a formal hearing by the Commission itself.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to this bill.



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